

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

**FEBRUARY 20, 2018**

**6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Gary Cameron, and Cloe Bretzlaff, student advisor, answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

**MINUTES:** Smith moved to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2018 meeting as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. He was contacted by the County regarding the ambulance service. They have hired a consultant and asked that we participate in the questions and answers. We said we would.
2. We discussed in the Board of Works hiring a retail consultant. We are discussing sharing in the funding with our community partners. We have found the consultant we want and are working on a contract,
3. Code Enforcement – We have received concerns on the Spillman property behind the park restaurant.
4. We have had a couple of meetings regarding Stellar. The Overlook concept is changing, which affects some of the pieces around it. Will continue to give updates as they are available.
5. Housing – Met with Russell Brown and Joe Peacock last week. We are having Jason Semlar run different cost scenarios. One scenario consists of 5 apartment units.
6. City Center bonds go up for sale on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
7. Met with insurance regarding IPEP mandatory safety meetings. These will start in March and will be quarterly.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Stellar Designation** – Discussed earlier.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** –Nothing
- **Marketing** –Nothing
- **APC/BZA** – PUD scheduled for tomorrow.
- **City Center** – Discussed.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – Still in the same phase. Curb cut requested by the Meyer family.
- **Brownfield Grant** – They will be on site later this week.
- **ECDC** – Nothing.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Street** – Commissioner Miller said the recycle rate for February is \$46.75 per ton.

They will conduct interviews tomorrow for a new hire.

We are putting out door hangers this week regarding the new trash route.

**Fire** – Chief Jenkins handed out his annual report.

Was contacted by Jim Freeman asking if we wanted to consider raising our transport and mileage rates for ambulance service. Jenkins passed out a copy of Freeman's recommendation. He said this allows more payment from private insurance. He asked Council to consider the matter.

**Park** – Park Director Burklow reported that they have been clearing trees at the amphitheater.

They are having conversations with excavating companies on the Carol Jenkins Park.

They began putting stuff out in parks preparing for spring.

They are getting ready to start the pool hiring process. Burklow is taking training so he can certify the lifeguards to reduce the cost to the guards

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **CGS Contract** – Newhouse is working with CGS.
2. **Ordinance 2018-2 – Amend Flood Hazard Area** – DNR had requested an amendment to our ordinance merely changing the ordinance number to the original ordinance number of 2014-20. It was passed for signatures.
3. **Resolution 2018-3 Emerson SB1** – Earl Jacobs explained the project. The scoring sheet was passed out. He invited Council to take a tour of the facility. Smith moved to approve the SB1's. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2018-3 with the correction to change "TIF" to "FHA". Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Guardrails at the Industrial Park** – John McCane said INDOT reviewed the matter. They determined that guardrails were not warranted due to the distance not meeting requirements. Councilman Smith urged Councilman Conner to speak to our legislatures regarding the matter.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Willkie Bike Race** – David Willkie thanked the City for their continued support of his family. He said he would like to enhance Willkie Days with a bike ride through 5 covered bridges covering 50 miles. He said this would promote tourism and healthy living. It would be a non-profit ride with the funds going to the community. He asked Council to consider approving as an officially sanctioned ride. He also encouraged Council to participate in the parade and/or ride. Smith moved to approve as a sanctioned ride to take place September 15<sup>th</sup>. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Heavy Trash/Trash Policy Update** – Mayor Pavey and Councilman Smith have had discussion regarding the policy. Newhouse and Chief Jenkins have agreed to look at the language so it will better refine enforcement of the policy. We have to give them some time for notice of the property owner. Smith said the trash sits for 2 weeks or more and it smells and animals get into it. Jenkins said the process will be better by using door tags for non-compliance, and informing them on the door tag that they must comply within 48 hours or we will fine the resident a minimum of \$50.00. Jenkins said we don't need to change the ordinance we just need to enforce it.
3. **Lease/Sale Information (Farm)** – Mayor Pavey asked Council if they wanted to sell or lease the 60 acres north of the tracks. There was a consensus of Council to start on paperwork to sell the acreage on the north side of the tracks which is approximately 60 acres and advertise to lease the 35 acres for now. Cameron made a motion to move forward with the sale of the 60 acres north of the tracks and

advertise to lease the remaining 35 acres. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS & JANUARY 2018 BANK RECONCILEMENT:** Bridges moved to approve the January 2018 bank reconciliation as well as the claims as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** Dave Clevenger asked Council what the status was on the lighting at Blue Ribbon Court. Pavey said we have 2 scenarios regarding costs. Council needs to make a decision if they want 1 light or 2, will the light pole be wood or decorative, and who will maintain the light. Clevenger said he would suggest one light in the center. Smith made a motion to install 1 decorative pole as soon as possible, have Duke install with the option to do the maintenance. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Conner moved to adjourn. Cameron seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.